CITIZENS CAMPAIGN FOR A CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY INTO POLITICAL ASSASSINATIONS [CCCIPA]

The Citizen's Campaign for a Congressional Inquiry into Political Assassinations (CCCIPA) is an organized, grass-roots citizen's lobby directed at building a public constituency for a Congressional select committee reinvestigation of the assassinations of John F. Kennedy, Robert F. Kennedy, Martin Luther King, and the attempt on George Wallace. Its principal legislative focus is H.R. 204, introduced by Cong. Henry B. Gonzalez of Texas. The CCCIPA is a citizen's group and not connected with any elected officeholder or political campaign.

CCCIPA's functions are:

I. Citizen Education and Mobilization

a. Identify key Congresspersons on H.R. 204

b. Educate constituencies on the facts of the assassinations--clubs, churches, private organizations, groups, individual voters

c. Organize constituency lobbying efforts directed at individual Congressmen and committees on H.R. 204, and at political candidates

These strategies have been employed effectively by such public-interest lobbies as the Indochina Peace Campaign and the Campaign for a Democratic Foreign Policy.

II. Media and Public Events

a. Generate media coverage of the assassinations issue in general, and of the politics of H.R. 204

b. Organize well-publicized teach-ins on the assassinations in cities and communities

c. Plan public events, such as a Citizen's March on the House of Representatives

The Citizen's Campaign is planning a national kickoff with a set of simultaneous press conferences in a number of cities, including New York, Boston, Washington, Houston, and San Francisco. Our hope is to have, by the time of the public launching of the Campaign, the backing of noteworthy spokespersons. We are presently negotiating the possible taking on of H.R. 204 by the Campaign for a Democratic Foreign Policy, thereby obviating the need

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for a duplicative lobbying structure. CCCIPA espouses no particular theory of the assassinations, only that a complete Congressional reinvestigation is necessary and vital to our political health.

The Citizen's Campaign is planned as an answer to the vacuity of the 1976 Presidential campaign. None of the candidates will talk of political assassinations, although assassinations have de facto been a major innovation and influence on the American political system during the 1960s and the 1970s. We have good reason to believe that the leadership of the Republican and Democratic parties is determined to keep the assassinations out of politics during 1976, and are pursuing an aggressive lobbying strategy in Congress to this end. Our judgment is that there is wide latent interest in the American population for reinvestigation which can be activated if the issues are raised in a professional, well-organized way. Healthy political reform in the American system is unlikely to occur in the absence of a full and public airing of the facts and possible cover-ups behind these assassinations.

There are deep factual inconsistencies in the official versions of each of the assassinations. These can only be resolved by a Congressional Select Committee, armed with sufficient resources and with subpoena power. Fully four (4) out of five (5) Americans--according to Cambridge Survey Research--disbelieve the findings of the Warren Commission, of which Gerald R. Ford was an active member. Yet the 1975 Rockefeller Commission Report unquestioningly reaffirmed the earlier official version of the John F. Kennedy assassination. The political corruption unearthed in Watergate and in later Senate Intelligence Committee hearings has taught us to be skeptical of unilateral official statements. The continued darkness surrounding these central acts of political violence affects us all, and affects our system as a whole.

Whatever your political persuasion, we hope you will support this attempt to restore political health.

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For CCCIPA

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SUPPORT AND JOIN CCCIPA

Your name has been selected for this initial solicitation of support because of your concern for political reform and for the health of our body politic.

As a Citizen's Campaign, CCCIPA can grow only if persons like you will nurture and sustain it.

Please do take a moment to look through our materials, and fill out and mail this information. Your aid and interest may, in the long run, be the most productive political investment you have ever made.

Yes, I would like to support CCCIPA in its efforts on H.R. 204:

___ Please send me more information about CCCIPA, its structure, goals and plans.

___ I would like to publicly endorse CCCIPA and **join its Committee of Support**.

___ I am interested in working with CCCIPA on

- ___ Petition gathering
- ___ Legislative lobbying
- ___ Education/Teach-ins
- ___ Local/State/National organization
- ___ Media
- ___ Fund-raising
- ___ Other:

___ I am enclosing my donation toward the growth of CCCIPA. Funds are critical for printing, mailing, and administrative costs. Let us know if you would like to privately arrange for a sizable donation.

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Name

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You may want to pass on to us the names and addresses of persons you think would be interested in CCCIPA.

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COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS:

Mr. Weisberg – We hope you will support our cause. With deep respect
Alfred Wilson

94TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. RES. 204

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 19, 1975

Mr. GONZALEZ submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules

RESOLUTION

Resolved, That there is hereby created a select committee to be composed of seven Members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker, one of whom he shall designate as chairman. Any vacancy occurring in the membership of the committee shall be filled in the same manner in which the original appointment was made.

The committee is authorized and directed to conduct a full and complete investigation and study of the circumstances surrounding the deaths of John F. Kennedy, Robert F. Kennedy, and Martin Luther King, and the attempted assassination of George Wallace.

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1 For the purpose of carrying out this resolution the com-
2 mittee, or any subcommittee thereof authorized by the com-
3 mittee to hold hearings, is authorized to sit and act during
4 the present Congress at such times and places within the
5 United States, including any Commonwealth or possession
6 thereof, whether the House is in session, has recessed, or
7 has adjourned, to hold such hearings, and to require, by
8 subpena or otherwise, the attendance and testimony of such
9 witnesses and the production of such books, records, cor-
10 respondence, memorandums, papers, and documents, as it
11 deems necessary: except that neither the committee nor any
12 subcommittee thereof may sit while the House is meeting
13 unless special leave to sit shall have been obtained from the
14 House. Subpenas may be issued under the signature of the
15 chairman of the committee or any member of the committee
16 designated by him, and may be served by any person desig-
17 nated by such chairman or member.

18 The committee shall report to the House as soon as prac-
19 ticable during the present Congress the results of its investi-
20 gation and study, together with such recommendations as it
21 deems advisable. Any such report which is made when the
22 House is not in session shall be filed with the Clerk of the
23 House.